

The Honorable Dave Hinson
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 411A
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Hinson:

I am writing on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to acknowledge receipt of your March 8, 2016, letter regarding the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Your letter requests that the EPA use the best scientific data available to determine the air quality around the Labadie Energy Center in Franklin County.

Specifically, your letter includes data collected at two air monitors installed in April 2015 at locations around the Labadie Energy Center indicating that no exceedances of the standard have been recorded. Your letter also states that in light of all the uncertainties around the air quality prediction model used by regulators in these designations efforts and the almost one full year of actual monitored data that shows the air quality is far below the standard. More information is needed before a correction designation decision can be made. Lastly, you request that the EPA designate the Franklin County, Missouri area as unclassifiable so that additional technically sound data can be gathered to make a correct designation.

Your letter will be included as a public submission in the rulemaking docket, and we will consider your comments in making our final designation decision for the area around Labadie Energy Center in Franklin County.

Thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Mathias of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5310.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator

Office of Air and Radiation